

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

Review An **antecedent** is the word—a noun or another pronoun—that a pronoun replaces or refers to. A pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number, gender, and person.

A. Directions: A pronoun and its antecedent must be either singular or plural in number. **Write** the pronoun that belongs in each sentence. Use one of these pronouns: its, his, her, their, it, they, or them.

1. A tigress raises _____ cubs with care.
2. The mother tiger chooses a den, such as a cave, and she hides her cubs in _____.
3. Growing cubs need food, and _____ depend on their mother to provide it.
4. Sometimes adult male tigers attack the cubs, and their mother will fight to defend _____.

B. Directions: A pronoun and its antecedent must both be either masculine (he, his), feminine (she, her), or neutral (it, its) in gender. If the antecedent could be either male or female, you must use *his or her* or *she or he*. In each sentence below, **circle** the letter of the correct Answer to fill each blank.

5. This tigress has been given a Hindi name. _____ is called *Chhoti Mada*, meaning “little female.”
 a. He b. She c. Her d. She or he
6. Compared to humans, tigresses have a short pregnancy. _____ lasts only three months.
 a. He b. She c. It d. They
7. The baby tigers are born blind and helpless. _____ do not open their eyes for about ten days.
 a. They b. She or he c. He d. She
8. During the first two years, a tigress must teach _____ cubs many lessons.
 a. their b. his or her c. his d. her